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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of August 11, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the cradle includes the claimed mechanisms, motor and transmission assembly so that upon receipt of the printer cartridge, the cradle and printer cartridge form an inkjet printer. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 3, lines 16-23 and page 5, lines 20-23 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Schalk, Ando, Horikoshi and Hansen in view of newly cited Menendez et al. (US 6,027,209), for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 has been further amended as discussed above to clarify that the cradle and printer cartridge together form an inkjet printer (see page 3, lines 16-23 and page 5, lines 20-23 of the present specification).

As admitted by the Examiner, none of Schalk, Ando, Horikoshi and Hansen teach or suggest configuring the printhead capper drive assembly of the combined cradle to operatively engage with a capper assembly of the printer cartridge upon removable engagement of the printer cartridge with the cradle. In an attempt to make up for this deficiency, the Examiner cites the inkjet cartridge storage garage disclosed by Menendez.

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However, Menendez clearly discloses that the storage garage is arranged to receive inkjet cartridges which have been removed from the carriage of a scanning printer in order to store and cap the inkjet cartridges using a capping housing (see col. 1, lines 24-30 and col. 5, line 53-col. 6, line 32).

It is clear to one of ordinary skill in the art from the disclosure of Menendez that the garage having the capping housing is not configurable as a cradle which when it receives the inkjet cartridges forms an inkjet printer. Thus, there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the garage of Menendez to form such a cradle in combination with any of Schalk, Ando, Horikoshi and Hansen, as is required by amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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